

AN ORDINANCE

BY: COUNCILMEMBER FELICIA MOORE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY 2009 (GENERAL FUND) BUDGET TO REESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUAD BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM VARIOUS NON-PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS YET TO BE DETERMINED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE BUDGET FUND DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT AND ORGANIZATION NUMBER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the FY 2009 Budget on June 27, 2008 and forwarded it to the Mayor with an additional 2.5% reduction to the General Fund Budget as opposed to the Mayor's proposed property tax increase to balance the Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2.5% cut amounted to an additional reduction of \$14,575,000.00 to the General Fund Budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted resolution 08-R-1350 encouraging the Mayor to implement the 2.5% reduction to the Budget without closing any fire station, swimming pool or recreation center or further cutting filled City positions; and

WHEREAS, in implementing the FY 2009 Budget the Mayor cut an additional \$7,000,000.00 beyond the \$14,575,000.00 resulting from the 2.5% across the board reduction; 165 positions, including 72 filled, ordered the closing and decommissioning of Atlanta Fire Station No. 7, including the Fire and Rescue Special Operations Squad; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the elimination of the Fire and Rescue Special Operations Squad will reduce the FY 2009 Department of Fire and Rescue Budget by up to \$1,410,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council analysis of the FY 2009 General Fund Budget indicates that reductions could have been made in other areas; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta City Council have expressed their extreme disappointment with the disbanding of the Fire and Rescue Special Operations Squad; and

WHEREAS, in the post 9-11 environment and in anticipation of unexpected natural disasters, the City Council feels that it is imperative to have an emergency response unit like the Fire and Rescue Special Operations Squad

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to amend the FY 2009 (General Fund) Budget as follows:

TRANSFER FROM APPROPRIATIONS

1001	General Fund	\$1,410,000.00
XXXXXX	Various non-personnel items yet to be determined	
XXXXXXXX		
XXXXXXXX		

TRANSFER TO APPROPRIATIONS

1001	General Fund	\$1,410,000.00
230102	Department of Fire and Rescue	
5111006		
3520000		

SECTION 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed for purposes of the ordinance only, and only to the extent of the conflict.